

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Claims

L Please amend claims 2-4s set forth below: *Y*

--2. (amended) The antibody of Claim 1 wherein the inhibition of complement activation in the human body fluid is measurable as [a substantial] an increment of blockade of C5a generation and [a substantial] an increment of blockade of complement hemolytic activity in the body fluid, said increment of blockade of C5a generation being substantially equal to said increment of blockade of complement hemolytic activity.--

--3. (amended) The antibody of Claim 1 wherein, upon binding to human C5, [the antibody substantially inhibits] there is a 60% to 90% reduction in the ability of C5 to bind to human complement component C3.

--4. (amended) The antibody of Claim 1 wherein, upon binding to human C5, [the antibody substantially inhibits] there is a 60% to 90% reduction in the ability of C5 to bind to human complement component C4.

Remarks

Introduction

This is in response to the office action in the above referenced application dated February 18, 1998. A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith. With the extension, this response will be due on August 18, 1998. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-0483.

Claims 1-12 were pending in the present application. Claims 2-4 are hereby amended as set forth above and discussed below.